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Applicants: H. NITTA et al.
Serial No.: 09/324,168
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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DRIVER AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME
Art Unit: 2674
Examiner: X. Wu

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 11, 2002

Sir:

On January 11, 2002, the applicants filed a request for reconsideration, a petition for extension of time, a submission of supplemental reissue declaration, and a surrender of original patent in response to the final Office Action of September 11, 2001, to eliminate all outstanding issues and place the above-identified application in condition for allowance.

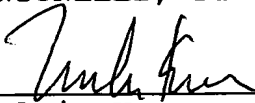
On March 4, 2002, the Examiner informed the applicants' representatives at the law firm indicated below that he had decided to allow the application, and that he was going to forward the application to his legal instruments examiner that same day for processing and mailing of a Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance.

On March 8, 2002, Tina Myers of the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Center informed the applicants' representatives at the law firm indicated below that she had the application file in her possession and that a Notice of Allowability prepared by the Examiner was in the application file, but that the application needed to be reviewed by the Special Program Examiner before the Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance could be mailed. Ms. Myers said that she was going to forward the application to the Special Program Examiner that same day.

It is the applicants' position that the papers filed on January 11, 2002, eliminated all outstanding issues and placed the application in condition for allowance. However, since today, March 11, 2002, is the end of the six-month statutory period for response to the final Office Action of September 11, 2001, this letter is being filed to avoid any question of abandonment of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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